

Citizens group to focus on freeway study

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A traffic analysis tops the agenda of next week's meeting of the South Mountain Citizens Advisory Committee.

The committee was formed by the Arizona Department of Transportation to help update the 1988 plan for a

freeway from Interstate 10 in Ahwatukee Foothills that would go west through a corner of South Mountain Park and reconnect with I-10 near 51st Avenue.

The committee meets March 2 on the Gila River Indian Community at the District 6 Komatke Center in the Learning Center Meeting Hall at 51st Avenue at St. John's Road, beginning

at 5:30 p.m.

The committee is working through technical reports so that it can make a recommendation for a route on the west side of the project, in Laveen and Tolleson, by the end of March.

An east side recommendation isn't expected until the end of the year or early in 2007. Currently the only route is where Pecos Road now is.

For more information visit the ADOT Web site at www.southmountainfreeway.com. Supporters for the freeway have their own site at www.complete202.org and opponents rally at www.protectazchildren.org.

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